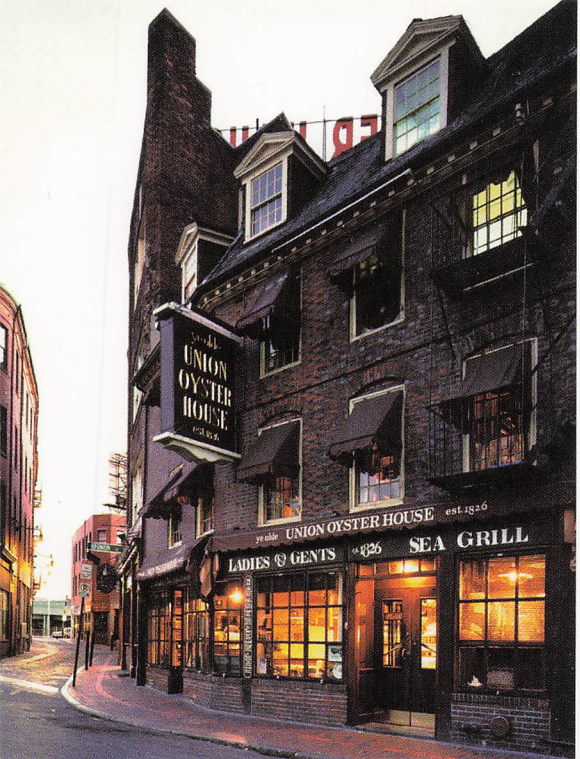

UNION OYSTER HOUSE

America's Oldest Restaurant
Est. 1826
A National Historic Landmark

Did You Know That . . .

- The Union Oyster House is the oldest restaurant in continuous service in the U.S.
- It is the earliest standing brick building in Boston. For more than 250 years it has stood sturdily on Union Street as a major local landmark.
- In 1742 – the building housed importer Hopestill Capen's fancy dress goods business, known colorfully as "At the Sign of the Cornfields."
- In 1771, from this site, printer Isaiah Thomas published his newspaper "The Massachusetts Spy," long known as the oldest newspaper in the United States.
- In 1775 Capen's silk and dry goods store became Headquarters for Ebenezer Hancock, and Federal troops received their "war wages" in this official pay-station.
- In 1796 the future King of France, Louis Philippe, lived on the second floor. Exiled from his country, he earned his living by teaching French to many of Boston's fashionable young ladies.
- 1826 marked the end of Capen's Dry Goods Store and the beginning of Atwood and Bacon's establishment. The new owners installed the now world renowned semi-circular Oyster Bar where Daniel Webster was a constant customer.
- The toothpick was first used in the U.S. at the Union Oyster House.
- In 2003 it was designated a National Historic Landmark.

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